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FM AMEMBASSY LA PAZ

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5257

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PASS INTERIOR USGS G. ERICKSEN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TGEN, EMIN, BL

SUBJECT: LITHIUM STUDY OF SALAR DE UYUNI

1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT USGS SHIRLEY RETTIG WHOS HAS WORKED ON LITHIUM STUDIES IN PAST, IS GOING TO COME TO LA PAZ AS PART OF A PROJECT WITH GEOBOL AND THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN SINDRES. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE MORE INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED VISIT AS WELL AS ADVANCE NOTIFICATION BEFORE TRAVEL IS BEGUN. SINCE LA PAZ IS A VERY HIGH ALTITUDE POST ALL OFFICIAL VISITORS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A HIGH ALTITUDE TEST BEFORE COMING HERE.

2. USGS WILL RECALL THAT THE GOB DEPOSITED \$5000 WITH THE EMBASSY TO HELP FINANCE A VISIT BY G. ERICKSEN AND J. VINE TO ASSIST THE MINISTRY IN A PRELIMINARY SAMPLING AND EVALUATION OF LITHIUM RESOURCES IN THE SALAR DE UYUNI. A CHECK WITH REGIONAL DISBURSING OFFICER H. EADES INDICATES THAT SO FAR NO FUNDS HAVE BEEN CHARGED AGAINST ACCOUNT 14 FT 800. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, LOCALS COSTS OF STAY IN BOLIVIA AND PERHAPS COST OF SAMPLE ANALYSIS WERE TO BE CHARGED AGAINST THIS ACCOUNT. PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY OF STATUS OF USGS CHARGES TO DATE. (HOWEVER, EVEN AFTER THESE CHARGES ARE MADE TO THE ACCOUNT SOME FUNDS SHOULD REMAIN IN THE ACCOUNT).

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3. RRA HAS INFORMALLY ASKED DIRECTOR OF GEOBOL FERNANDEZ AND ERTS-DR. BROCKMANN IF BOB IS INTERESTED IN CONTINUING SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INTO NONMETALLIC DEPOSITS OF SALAR DE UYUNI AND OTHER ALTIPLANO SALARS. INTEREST IS HIGH. PERHAPS USGS CAN PROPOSE A SCHEMA FOR FURTHER RESEARCH AND IF FUNDS REMAIN ANOTHER VISIT TO BOLIVIA BY VINE AND

ERICKSEN COULD BE ARRANGED. THIS WILL BE STRICTLY APART
FROM THE COMMERCIAL EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION THAT MIGHT
BE NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND A PRIVATE
U.S. COMPANY.

4. COINCIDENT WITH VISIT IF USGS/HYDROLOGY BILL BACK TO
BOLIVIA EMBASSY HAS ASKED IF GEOBOL WILL BE WILLING TO OBTAIN
WATER SAMPLES FROM RIO DESAGUADERO FOR ANALYSIS IN USGS. GEOBOL
IS WILLING TO DO SAMPLING AND AWAITS USGS INSTRUCTIONS.
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